

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-23. (Canceled)

24. (New) An airbag cover comprising a first layer which is substantially intact in the region of a tear seam for airbag deployment which borders on a space in which an airbag deploys if the need arises,

a second layer attached to an inner surface of the first layer to reinforce said first layer, said second layer having an weakened region to determine the run of the tear seam should the airbag deploy,

wherein the inner surface of the first layer is provided with scoring along the run of the tear seam to define a weakened region of the first layer, and

wherein the weakened region of the first layer extends in a zigzag manner and the weakened region of the second layer extends linearly.

25. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 24 wherein the first layer and the second layer are secured together by an adhesive.

26. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 24 wherein the first layer is comprised of leather.

27. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 24 wherein the weakened region of the second layer is comprised of a recess.

28. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 24 further comprising a third layer which is attached to the second layer and is provided with a weakened region which is coincident with the weakened region of the second layer.

29. (New) An airbag cover comprising a first layer which is substantially intact in the region of a tear seam for airbag deployment which borders on a space in which an airbag deploys if the need arises,

a second layer attached to an inner surface of the first layer to reinforce said first layer, said second layer having a weakened region in a rear side thereof to determine a run of the tear seam should the airbag deploy,

wherein the inner surface of the first layer is provided with scoring along the run of the tear seam to define a weakened region of the first layer, and

wherein the weakened region of the first layer extends linearly and the weakened region of the second layer extends in a zigzag manner.

30. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 25 wherein the first layer and the second layer are secured together by an adhesive.

31. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 25 wherein the first layer is comprised of leather.

32. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 25 wherein the weakened region of the second layer is comprised of a recess.

33. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 25 further comprising a third layer which is attached to the second layer and is provided with a weakened region which is coincident with the weakened region of the second layer.

34. (New) An airbag cover comprising a first layer which is substantially intact in the region of a tear seam for airbag deployment which borders on a space in which an airbag deploys if the need arises,

a second layer attached to an inner surface of the first layer to reinforce said first layer, said second layer having an weakened region to determine the run of the tear seam should the airbag deploy,

wherein the inner surface of the first layer is provided with scoring along the run of the tear seam to define a weakened region of the first layer, and

wherein the weakened region of the first layer extends in a sinuous manner and the weakened region of the second layer extends linearly.

35. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 34 wherein the first layer and the second layer are secured together by an adhesive.

36. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 34 wherein the first layer is comprised of leather.

37. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 34 wherein the weakened region of the second layer is comprised of a recess.

38. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 34 further comprising a third layer which is attached to the second layer and is provided with a weakened region which is coincident with the weakened region of the second layer.

39. (New) An airbag cover comprising a first layer which is substantially intact in the region of a tear seam for airbag deployment which borders on a space in which an airbag deploys if the need arises,

a second layer attached to an inner surface of the first layer to reinforce said first layer, said second layer having a weakened region in a rear side thereof to determine a run of the tear seam should the airbag deploy,

wherein the inner surface of the first layer is provided with scoring along the run of the tear seam to define a weakened region of the first layer, and

wherein the weakened region of the first layer extends linearly and the weakened region of the second layer extends in a sinuous manner.

40. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 39 wherein the first layer and the second layer are secured together by an adhesive.

41. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 39 wherein the first layer is comprised of leather.

42. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 39 wherein the weakened region of the second layer is comprised of a recess.

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43. (New) An airbag cover according to Claim 39 further comprising a third layer which is attached to the second layer and is provided with a weakened region which is coincident with the weakened region of the second layer.